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Next Session will be held with the Fletcher's Grove Baptist Church, Fletcher's Siding, S. C., beginning on Wednesday before the third Sunday in October, 1915, Rev. J. E. P. Little to preach the introductory sermon; Bro. I. S. A. Hilliard, alternate.

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Rocford (W)—C. L. Leak, E. M. Tillman, Samuel Hammonds.

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St. Paul—Not represented, 2nd year.

Shankle Grove—Rev. W. H. Horne, N. L. Crump.

Timmonsville—R. T. Sellers, J. H. Ratliff.

White Oak—R. C. Cox, A. F. Diggs.

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WINGATE, N. C., Oct. 14, 1914.

Pursuant to adjournment of previous session held with the Sandy Ridge Baptist church, Morven, N. C., the Zion Missionary Baptist Association met in its forty-second annual session, with the Nicy Grove Baptist church of this place today, Rev. J. Ratliff, presiding.

At 11:40 A. M. Revs. B. B. Sturdivant and J. E. P. Little took seats in the stand to preach the introductory sermon. Rev. Little lined and sang hymn No. 559 L. M. "Go preach My Gospel Saith the Lord, etc." Rev. Sturdivant read the Scriptures from Paul's 2nd epistle to the Corinthians, 3rd chapter. Prayer by Rev. J. F. Davis. Second hymn No. 81 C. M. "God Moves in a Mysterious Way, etc." Rev. Sturdivant choosed as a text for the occasion 2nd Corinthians, 3:5, "Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think any thing as of ourselves, but our sufficiency is in God." The speaker said in part: "That gospel time is harvest time and all are expected to be busy, if by reason of carelessness some are lost we shall be held accountable. We should not seek honors, to be approved by men. If anything is accomplished it is God through us. We should not be selfish. God has written his laws upon our hearts and we should be too glad to obey. The sermon was filled with wholesome doctrine. "Take the Name of Jesus With You etc." was effectively sung after which Rev. Prof. J. L. Levister led in prayer. Collection $6.25.

Benediction by Rev. B. B. Sturdivant.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled the Moderator presiding. Praise services were conducted by Bros. W. H. Staton and J. C. Cason. Scripture read, Matt. 28, 20-30, prayer by Bro. G. W. Baucom. After prayer service the house was announced ready for business. On motion business was suspended to listen to the speach by Prof. Levister. Rev. Davis introduced the speaker, who came forward with earnestness and spoke of the needs of the Theological Department at Shaw University. He also had a clipping from the News and Observer read, setting

forth the object of the commission in this department. After the speach a collection was taken for the above institution, amounting to $11.05.

Various committees were appointed, see committee roll.

By motion Fletcher's Grove became a member in full, to Zion Association.

Session closed with benediction by Rev. W. D. Taylor.

NIGHT SESSION.

The Association re-assembled at 8:00 o'clock. Praise service was conducted by Rev. J. R. Faison as follows: "Show Pity Lord, etc." was sung. Prayer by Rev. W. H. Horne.

On motion Rev. J. C. Ellerbe and Bro. A. B. Moore, preached a sermon.

Accordingly they took seats in the stand and Bro. Moore lined and sang hymn No. 196 C. M. "Come Holy Spirit Heavenly Dove, etc." Prayer by Rev. P. P. Pegues.

Rev. Ellerbee came forward by way of a gospel sermon, text: St. John 14:1, "Let not your heart be troubled." The sermon was rich in thought and while the speaker talked to us out of God's word, our hearts burned within. "Where Jesus is 'tis Heaven There, etc," was sung. Prayer by Rev. J. W. Diggs. Collection $5.00.

The session closed with Long Meter Doxology and Benediction by Rev. B. J. Parsons.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled at 10:15 A. M. Devotional services conducted by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee, and Bro. G. R. West as follows: "Come Ye That Love the Lord, etc." was sung, Rev. Ellerbee read the 100th division of the Psalms. Prayer by Rev. W. K. Bennett. After the praise service the Moderator made some remarks then announced the house ready for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday and last night were read and approved. A committee to wait on Friendship church were appointed, see roll.

Proceeded to finish reading the church letters.

On motion Rev. W. H. Horne to preach this afternoon.

A discussion about the disposition of the domitory mon-

ey was entertained. On motion the matter be left in the hands of the executive board.

An invitation was extended to which Revs. W. T. Sims, of Chester, S. C., E. C. Crowder, of the Lanes Creek Union Association and Bro. Louis Lowery, of the A. M. E. Zion church, all came forward and were made welcome. All made remarks.

Collection $3.35. Session closed with benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Association re-assembled with praise services being conducted by Rev. J. B. Bryant, as follows: Hymn No. 297 C. M. "Father I Stretch my Hands to Thee, etc." Prayer by Bro. R. C. Cox. In lieu of Rev. Horne, Rev. W. T. Sims accompanied by Rev. J. J. Hines filled the stand to preach a sermon. Rev. Hines lined two stanzas of L. M. hymn "Go Preach My Gospel, Saith the Lord, etc.", after which he introduced Rev. Sims as the speaker who came forward, read Collossions 1 : 1-8, and announced as a text Collossians 1 : 18, "And he is the head of the body, the church." The sermon was delivered with much power under the subject "God is our Head." Prayer by Rev. Davis. Collection $3.25.

Secretary of the Union meeting made the annual financial statement, (See report.)

On motion the Missionary sermon be preached tomorrow at 11 A. M. The session closed with benediction by the Moderator.

THIRD DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association assembled with the Moderator in the chair. Devotional services were as follows: "Come Ye That Love the Lord, etc." was sung. The Moderator read the 377th division of the Psalms, 1-19. Prayer by Bro. G. R. West. "God be With You till we Meet Again, etc." was effectively sung, after which the house was announced ready for business.

On motion the proceedings of yesterday were read and adopted.

Committee to wait on Friendship church reported, re-

port adopted.

Executive board reported, (See report.)

On motion Bro. C. L. Leak was elected treasurer to hold the domitory money.

Committee's report on place, caused a considerable discussion, whereon a division of the house was called for, to which the vote stood 29 in favor, and 27 against the report. On motion of the secretary the vote was made unanimous.

On motion the committee to draw up a constitution for the minister's and deacon's institute be continued till the union meeting in November.

Bro. I. S. A. Hilliard made remarks encouraging us along industrial, educational and religious lines.

Revs. J. F. Davis and B. J. Parsons, two of Zion's staunch ministers filled the stand to preach the Missionary Sermon. First hymn, No. 531 C. M. "In All My Lord's Appointed Way, etc." Scripture reading, Matt. 5: 1-12, prayer by Rev. J. B. Bryant. Second hymn, No. 650 S. M. "The Church has Waited Long, etc." Rev. Davis preached a strong missionary sermon, using as a text Matt. 6: 9-13. The speaker said in part: "That people usually call this the Lord's prayer, but the Lord intended for it to be ours, for he said: "After this manner pray ye." We should address God as the universal Father. Pray that his kingdom come. We can not pray this sincerely unless we have love in our hearts, love for all mankind. God did not call us to build great churches, pay large salaries, but to do missionary work. The church which is satisfied with paying their pastor a pretty good salary, and making showy improvements on the church building, and has done nothing for missions, is far from being a missionary Baptist church. Brethren let this be dear to you, 'Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel.' "

Rev. Parsons closed the service by singing "I Love Thy Kingdom Lord, etc," and offered prayer. Collection for missions $15.05. Rev. Faison took an after collection for father Ratliff and Rev. R. Diggs, amount $7.20. Miss Ida B. Shadd spoke encouragingly of the W. H. M. S., also represented the orphan home at Winston and asked

aid. On motion the request of Miss Shadd and also that of Nicy Grove church be referred to the committee on appropriations. Benediction pronounced by Rev. J. C. Ellerbee.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TheAssociation re-assembled with praise services conducted by Bros. S. H. Parsons and Cyrus Ratliff.

The Moderator announced the house in order for business.

On motion, Rev. J. T. Ratliff be sent as fraternal delegate to the Lanes Creek Union Association.

On motion, Rev. J. R. Faison, be sent as fraternal delegate to the St. Paul Association.

Rev. A. D. Boatman, of Raeford, N. C., was recognized as a visiting minister from the Pee Dee Association. Rev. Boatman made remarks of congratulation to Zion Association for the noble work she is doing.

All committees that had not reported made their reports.

On motion we tender Nicy Grove church, pastor and community a standing vote of thanks for their kind hospitality shown us while in their midst.

Rev. J. J. Hines, that genial and kind-hearted pastor of Parsons Grove, took the occasion to speak complimentary remarks of Zion Association, what she stands for, what she is endeavoring to accomplish and of the character and type of men that constitute her. He also mentioned in connection with this, the approaching state convention which will meet at Hamlet, N. C., with his church and people in Nov. Prox.

The following officers were elected for 1915—Moderator, Rev. J. Ratliff; Vice Moderator, Rev. B. J. Parsons; Recording Sec'y., A. L. Leak; Cor. Sec'y., Bro. G. W. Baucom; Treasurer, Rev. B. B. Sturdivant; Auditor, Bro. C. C. Horne.

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While singing the parting hymn a collection was taken for the orphan home to supplement that appropriated by the committee, amount $1.25

The Association closed to meet with the Fletcher's Grove Baptist church, Fletcher's Siding, S. C., 1915.

Benediction by the Moderator.

REV. J. RATLIFF, Moderator,
A. L. LEAK, Clerk.

APPENDIX

Ministers' and Deacons' Institutes.

Wingate, N. C., Oct. 13, 1914.

The Ministers and Deacons Institute met with the Nicy Grove Baptist Church in her second annual session with the Sec'y (Rev J. T. Ratliff) presiding. And we praised God to C. M. and Rev. G. T. Tanner lead in prayer and we again praised God to C. M. And Rev. W. L. Butler took us to a throne of grace in prayer, and the Sec'y spoke some fitting words and announced the house open for business.

On motion Rev. G. T. Tanner be President. On motion Rev. J. T. Ratliff be Sec'y. On motion Rev. Shade Henry be Treasurer. After which Rev. J. R. Faison read a program which was adopted for the meeting. And we also read the rules of Decorum and explained the same. We also read the first and second article of the constitution of this minute, and much light was turned on the subject of missions, and many of the brethren saw the subject as never before. On motion this service be concluded tomorrow beginning at 9:30 A. M. Collection $2.00. Benediction by Rev. Joe Ratliff.

MORNING SESSION

The Institute re-assembled, the president presiding. And a number of the brethren entered right heartily into song and praise service. After which the President announced the house open for business. On motion we hear the proceeds of the night session, which was read

and approved. At which time we took up the subject: The Biblical Law which should govern the relation between Ministers and Deacons. This subject was opened by Rev. J. R. Faison. He read 1st Cor. 13th ch., and very ably set the subject before us. And many others spoke on it.

On motion Rev. J. R. Faison and Bros. J. C. Cason, and C. H. Waddell be appointed to draw up a constitution to govern this body. On motion adjourn to meet on Tuesday, before the Third Sunday in Oct., 1915. Collection $2.00. Benediction by Rev. J. F. Davis.

Rev.G.T.Tanner,Pres,
Rev. J. Ratliff, Sec'y,
Bro. Shade Henry, Treas.

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Wingate, N. C., Oct. 15, 1914.

The Executive Board begs leave to submit its annual report:

We were called together at Peachland, N. C., in the Nov. Union Meeting to examine some brethren for ordination. They failed to make satisfactory marks. We recommended that hereafter candidates be examined at their respective churches, the churches to pay the expenses. February 21, 1914, the board was called to White Oak, to consider the advisability of ordaining Bro. W. B. Pratt to the gospel ministery. The board also examined Bros. D. C. Spencer and James Diggs at the same time at the request of Ramah Grove church. Bro. W. B. Pratt made the required grade. We recommended his ordination. He was ordained. Therefore we recommend that his name go on the ordained minister's roll. The other two brethren failed to make the grade. We asked that they continue their studies. March 28th, the board met to hear statements from Elizabeth P. D. church, concerning its relation to Rev. J. W. Diggs. Having Bro. H. C. Robinson, deacon of the church before us, he stated that Rev. Diggs and the church were in perfect accord; all offences having been removed. We recommended that his relation as a minister be restored. Now we recommend that his name be replaced on the ordained minister's roll.

April 17, the board was called to Meltonsville to consider the propriety of ordaining Bro. J. B. Huntley to the gospel ministry. We proceeded to examine him on Christian doctrine, Bible knowledge and church polity, he making satisfactory marks, we recommended his ordination. He was ordained and we therefore recommend that his name go on the ordained minister's roll. June 27th, the board was called to Rockford E. for the purpose of examining Bro. G. T. Tanner. He making the satisfactory grade, we recommended his ordination. He was ordained. We recommend that his name go on the ordained minister's roll. We have held three Union Meetings this associational year, the financial report has been made by the secretary. We recommend the next Union Meeting to be held with the Long Pine church Friday Nov. 27th, 1914, the introductory sermon to be preached by Rev. W. L. Butler, alternate, Bro. D. C. Spencer.

In view of the fact that the financial panic has paralized every business concern, and all religious institutions have felt its effect, therefore we recommend that a separate treasury be created in which the dormitory money, 25c per capita, shall be placed. Said treasurer shall deposit the said money in some safe bank, credited to "Dormitory Fund" of Zion Academy. He shall keep a receipt book and record book, and all money not paid in by the churches at this association, based on the present membership, shall be paid in from time to time by such churches that fail, taking a receipt from the treasurer. The money shall be held for that purpose only. The treasurer shall make report at each Union Meeting, at S. S. convention, finally at the association. His books shall be open for inspection by any member of the Executive Board. The trustees shall begin work when there is a suitable amount raised, say $500.00.

Expenses that have not been settled: Printing programs $1.50; ordered 5 prs. ordained minister's licenses' 25c, total $1.75.

Respectfully Submitted,
EXECUTIVE BOARD.

REPORT OF THE UNION MEETINGS.

Bethel	$	$ 1.25	$ 1.00	$
Brown Creek		2.00	1.00	1.00
Cedar Creek	.75	1.50		2.00
Chilson Grove			1.00	
Deep Creek	7.90	2.00	2.50	2.00
Ebenezer		3.00	2.00	2.00
Elizabeth M.			2.50	1.00
Friendship				1.00
Flint Ridge		1.00	2.00	
Fletcher's Grove			1.00	1.00
Madison Grove		1.00	2.00	1.00
Meltonsville		17.38	4.00	1.00
McLain Grove				3.00
Mt Zion		1.35	3.00	1.00
Long Pine		2.00	1.50	1.00
New Grove		1.00	1.00	1.00
New Zion	2.09	1.25	1.50	1.00
Nicy Grove	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.50
Poplar Hill		1.00	1.00	1.00
Olive Branch		1.00	1.50	
Parsons Grove		6.50	4.11	1.00
Pleasant Hill		1.50	1.00	
Poplar Springs	2.40	2.30	1.00	1.00
Ramah Grove		1.00	1.25	1.00
Rockford E.	3.15	5.00	2.00	2.00
Rockford W.		1.00	2.00	1.00
Sandy Ridge			4.00	1.00
Saron	1.20	1.00	1.25	1.00
Shankle Grove		1.00	1.25	1.00
Timmonsville		1.25	1.00	1.00
White Oak		2.75	1.00	1.25
Elizabeth P. D.			1.25	
Public Collections		23.57	16.05	22.60
Total	21.41	83.60	67.66	55.35

Aggregate $228.02

DISBURSEMENTS.

To Moderator ..... $ 4.40

To Clerk 5.50

To Sexton ____ 1.50
To New Zion Church ____ 2.00
To Ebenezer Church ____ 24.41
To Rev. J. Ratliff ____ 3.50
To Rev. R. Diggs ____ 3.50
To Harvey Walker ____ 1.00
To Chilson Grove Church ____ 2.00
To Saron Church ____ 1.00
To J. R. Faison on account ____ 107.75
To Sec. for writing and postage ____ 2.00
To Rev. J. F. Davis for Missions ____ 4.15
To Sister Sallie Ratliff ____ 1.50
To Rev. M. A. Tally for Missions ____ 8.10
Turned over to chairman Trustee Board ____ 56.00

Total ____ 228.31

REV. B. J. PARSONS, Moderator
REV. J. T. RATLIFF, Secretary,
A. L. LEAK, Treasurer.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON THE STATE AND CONDITION OF COUNTRY.

Mr. President, we your committee on state and condition of the country, beg to submit the following report:

We behold with deep regret the turbulent condition and crucial state our country is in now brought on by the German and Russian war. We believe the outburst of this war was for the lack of true religion and proper regard for God and humanity, by the leaders of those countries. Thousands and thousands of men are being sent to their final end prematurely. This state of affairs has not only effected the country where the war is going on, but the whole world is being shocked by its effects. Our own country is now in the clutches of a great financial panic which has caused every business concern to almost come to a stand still. Our people are now in a state of restless and unsettled condition, and such condition is likely to force the leaders of any people or nation into hasty, unprayful and inconsiderate measures; Therefore, we pray that those in authority may be successful in the discharge of their duties. We further commend the entire situa-

tion to the great God of Heaven. Resolved further that we as leaders of our race put ourselves on record as being unfriendly to the many evils that tends to weaken our people morally, intellectually and spiritually, and study to show ourselves workmen that need not be ashamed, rightly divining the word of truth.

Respectfully Submitted,
COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON PLACE.

We your committee on place, recommend that the next annual session of Zion Association be held with the Fletcher's Grove Baptist church, one mile east of Fletcher's Siding, S. C., beginning on Wednesday before the third Sunday in Oct. 1915, and continuing through Friday. Rev. J. E. P. Little to preach the introductory sermon, I. S. A. Hilliard, alternate.

Respectfully Yours,
COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON FRIENDSHIP CHURCH.

This is to certify that we have examined into the qualifications of the Friendship church, and it has come up to the requirements of this body. Yours,
COMMITTEE.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Received from Finance Committee at last Asso. $257.58

Paid Out.

To J. R. Faison	$175.00
To Blalock Hdw. Co.	44.00
To R. J. Beverly for trustee	38.98
Total	$257.98

Over checked .40.

B. B. STURDIVANT, Treasurer.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON OBITUARY.

Whereas the Lord has seen fit in his wise providence to take out of our midst the following brethren and sisters: T. J. McKenzie, Jr., Harriet Diggs, Jerry Coppage, Lula Little, Sarah Little, Harriet Phillips, Etta Hubbard, Robert Baucom, Rhoda Smith, P. H. Gaddy, Silvia Hammonds, Adeline Marsh, B. F. Tillman, Hattie Presson, Delia Hamilton, D. L. Laney. We make special mention of Bro. B. F. Tillman, whose life has meant so much to this association. He was treasurer of this body for a long time. In this capacity he could be relied upon. He was a member of the Trustee Board at the time of his death. He had held this position for a good many years. He was a proficient member, a wise adviser, a ready helper in time of need and always at his post. His life and great service will be greatly missed. We bow our heads and hearts to him who doeth all things well.

All the bereaved families have our deepest sympathies.

Respectfully Submitted,

COMMITTEE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT

Bethel	$2.40	$	$	$ .25	$	$2.65
Brown Creek	7.10	.15		.15		7.40
Cedar Creek	2.70	.50			.50	3.70
Chilson Grove	1.50			.25	.25	2.00
Deep Creek	23.00	1.00				24.00
Ebenezer	1.50	1.75		.25		3.50
Elizabeth M.	6.75	1.00	.50	.50	5.00	13.75
Elizabeth P. D.	1.75			.25	.25	2.25
Flint Ridge	7.10	2.00			3.65	12.75
Fletcher's Grove	5.00				2.00	7.00
Friendship	2.00	.50		.50	1.00	5.00
Long Pine	2.70	1.00	.25	.50		4.45
Madison Grove	4.25	1.25	.50	.25	18.05	24.30
Meltonsville	24.90	1.00			8.30	34.20
McLane Grove	2.75	.25		.15		3.15
Mt. Zion	2.90				4.00	6.90
New Zion	4.40	.50		.50	6.00	11.40
New Grove	4.90	.50		.25	2.50	7.15

Olive Branch --	.85	.50		.50	.50	2.35
Parsons Grove	20.00					20.00
Pleasant Hill	1.85	.10	.10	.10		2.15
Poplar Hill --	3.90			.25	.50	4.65
Poplar Springs	8.30				4.35	12.65
Ramah Grove --	8.35			.50	5.00	13.85
Rocford E. --	9.10	.50		.50	1.25	11.35
Rocford W. --	9.80	1.00	.25		4.00	15.05
Sandy Ridge --	4.90			.25	1.00	6.15
Shankle Grove --	3.35					3.35
Timmonsville --	5.50	1.00				6.50
Saron -- -- --	3.30	.25		.25	2.65	6.45
White Oak -- --	5.25	.75	.50	.25	2.06	8.81
Nicy Grove -- --	6.00	2.43				8.43

Received on Representing fee -- -- -- -- -- $198.05
Received for Missions -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 17.93
Received for Ministerial Education ----------2.10
Received for aged Ministers -- -- -- -- -- 6.40
Received for Zion Dormitory ---- ---- ---- --72.81
Received by Public Collection -- -- -- -- -- 45.20

Total -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- $342.49

Respectfully Yours,
COMMITTEE.

COMMITTEE'S REPORT ON APPROPRIATION.

To joint meeting treasurer, money borrowed -- $40.00
To Clerk, for service -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 15.00
To printing minutes and expenses -- -- -- -- 30.00
To corresponding Sec'y, for service and expenses 11.50
To Sexton, for service -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 1.00
To Moderator, for service -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 1.50
To Aged Ministers—
Rev. J. Ratliff $5.30
Rev. R. Diggs 5.10
Rev. H. D. Tillman 1.60
Rev. J. N. Bennett 1.60 -- -- -- 13.60
To J. F. Davis, for Missions -- -- -- -- -- -- 31.18
To Ministerial Education -- -- -- -- -- -- -- -- 2.10
To Miss Ida B. Shadd, for Orphan Building -- 2.25

To Nicy Grove church	3.00
To Local Education	10.90
To Treasurer, for over drawn check	.40
To Prof. J. L. Levister, for Shaw University	11.05
To C. L. Leak, special treasurer	62.41
To Balance in treasury	142.60
Total	$342.49

Respectfully Yours,
COMMITTEE.

RECAPITULATION OF REPORTS.

Number of churches reported 32
Number of ordained ministers, 36.
Added to the churches: By Baptism, 355; by letter, 30; by experience, 34; restoration, 60; total 499.
Loss from churches: By dismission, 31; by death, 50; exclusion, 99; total, 180. Net gain 319.
Total membership, 4,032.

Churches' expenses including pastor's salary	$5,774.81
Contributed to the poor	234.94
Given to Missions	266.36
Given to Education	760.88
Given to Aged Ministers	37.60
Miscellaneous	425.00
Total Contribution and expenses	$7,499.59
Value of church property	$36,218.00
Value of school property	$7,000.00

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. The Moderator shall fill the chair and preserve decorum in the Association. Of him punctuality and vigilance are particularly required. He shall open and close the Association with praper to God or call upon some brother to perform the service. He shall appoint committees with the sanction of the Association, explain questions, administer reproof and decide questions between contending claims. He may require motions to be presented in written form whenever he deems it necessary.

2. The Clerk shall enroll the names of the members;

minute the proceedings of the body and discharge such duties as belong to a recording secretary.

3. The members of the Association shall observe the respect to the officers and each other which becometh those who reverence that Great Being whose cause they should labor to promote. All invectives should be carefully avoided while speaking, and those who are speaking should refrain from all such indecorous conduct that is calculated to throw odium on the speaker or to interrupt his chain of thought or feeling, or in any way disturb the peace of the Association. No person may withdraw from the Association without permission from the Moderator. Let all things be done decently and in order.

4. No member of a committee shall be considered in order who, while said committee's report is under discussion by the house, shall take the negative view of the majority of his committee.

CONSTITUTION.

Article 1. This body shall be known as the Zion Missionary Baptist Association.

Art.2. The primary object of this Association shall be to increase the spirit and efficiency of churches, to support the Gospel in destitute places among us; to assist the churches in the erection of suitable buildings for worship; to organize churches and Sunday schools wherever practicable; to raise contributions for State, Home and Foreign Missions, and to co-operate with the Baptist State Convention in all parts of its plans of educational and missionary work.

Art. 3. This Association shall be composed of regular Baptist Churches in good standing, and in full practice of the faith, discipline, ordinance, and of the doctrines of the regular Baptist denomination. Also of the regular ministers in good standing in churches in the bounds of this Association, and delegates elected annually by the churches of this body.

Art. The officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, Vice-Moderator, Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, Treasurer, Auditor, and an Executive Board, of which the Moderator shall be a member ex-officio.

These officers shall be elected annually, and serve until their successors are elected.

Art. 5. The members convened in this Association shall have no ecclesiastical or disciplinary power over the churches.

Art. 6. New constituted churches, or churches dismissed from other deliberative bodies of the same faith and order, may be admitted into the Association by sending their messengers to an annual meeting, with petition by letter, and agreeing to the declaration of principles laid down in God's Word.

Art. 7. Any regular Baptist Church may continue its membership in this Association by the payment of five cents per capita for each of its members, two cents of which shall be used as Associational fund, and three cents for education, and by raising money for missions.

Art. 8. The Moderator shall preside at all meetings or call some brother to fill the chair and enforce order in accordance with the Constitution and Rules of Order. He shall settle points of order, give the casting vote in case of a tie, and appoint all committees, unless otherwise ordered by the body. The clerk and other officers shall perform the usual duties of such officers.

Art. 9. The Executive Board shall have the supervision of the ecclesiastical department of the Association. They shall from time to time appoint the time and place of the Union Meetings, and employ such means as will most efficiently and effectively carry out the objects of the Association. All contributions collected in such meeting shall, at the direction of the Board, be appropriated to the design of the Association. They shall make report of the same to the Association.

Art. 10. The Treasurer shall hold all moneys and valuable notes belonging to the Association, and shall pay all orders out of the same drawn on by the Association, signed by the Moderator and Recording Secretary. He shall hold his office until the last day of the sitting of the Association, when he, together with all other officers, shall be re-elected or another in his stead, and shall give bond to the full security of the Association's property in hand.

Art. 11. The Association shall meet annually and be composed of not more than three delegates from each church, with a letter giving the condition of the church. Said meeting to convene on Wednesday before the third Lord's Day in October, at 11 o'clock A. M., with an introductory sermon, and continue until the business is completed.

Art. 12. No difficulty between churches, or church, shall be heard by this Association until Gospel steps have been fully taken outside of this body to settle the difficulty.

Art. 13. Any church a member of this body, that is corrupt in practice or doctrine, after Gospel steps have been taken to reclaim it, and it persists in its course, shall no longer be a member of this body, and the reason in full shall be published in the minutes. Any church failing to represent by letter or delegate two successive years, shall be visited by suitable admonitions, and if it neglect to represent the third year, it shall be dropped from this Association.

Art. 14. All visiting ministers shall be welcomed to seats among us but not allowed to take part in our vote.

Art. 15. This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

CHURCHES, CLERKS AND THEIR POSTOFFICES, NO. OF MEMBERS AND THE AMOUNT PAID ON THE 25C PER CAPITA, INCLUDING THE AMT. PAID AT THE S. S. CONVENTION.

Bethel—G. A. Richardson, Route 2, Norwood, N. C.	48	$
Brown Creek—R. H. Diggs, R. 1. box 51 Wadesboro, N. C.	142	1.00
Cedar Creek—W. H. Huntley, R. 2, Morven, N. C.	54	1.00
Chilson Grove—James Diggs, Lilesville, N. C.	30	.30
Deep Creek—J. P. Huntley, Route 1, White Store, N. C.	485	.57
Ebenezer—Miss Della Boggan, Wadesboro, N. C.	31	
Elizabeth M.—J. Q. Robinson, Monroe, N. C.	145	5.50
Elizabeth P. D.—Thomas Wall, Pee Dee, N. C.	35	.75
Fletcher's Grove—Miss Ella Leak, R. 1, box 37 Laurinburg	110	2.00
Flint Ridge—O. L. Tanner, R. 1, Marshville, N. C.	142	4.65
Long Pine—J. T. Bennett, Ruby, S. C.	54	
Madison Grove—A. L. Leak, R. 2, box 26, Wadesboro N. C.	84	20.00

Meltonsville—K. D. Crowder, R. 1, White Store, N. C.	498	8.30
McLain Grove—Samuel Conrad, McFarlan, N. C.	55	
Mt. Zion—Frank Sturdivant, Wadesboro, N. C.	58	6.00
New Zion—J. R. Alsobrooks, Peachland, N. C.	88	3.50
New Grove—M. P. Bennett, R. 1, Polkton, N. C.	98	
Nicy Grove—G. W. Ashcraft, R. 2, Wingate, N. C.	120	
Olive Branch—Thomas S. Parker, R. 2, Marshville, N. C.	17	.50
Parsons Grove—A. D. Byrd, Lilesville, N. C.	426	
Pleasant Hill—A. B. Moore, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	37	
Poplar Hill—A. D. Gaddy, R. 2, Wadesboro, N. C.	78	.50
Poplar Springs—W. E. Davis, R. 2, Polkton, N. C.	166	4.35
Ramah Grove—Q. S. Sturdivant, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	167	5.25
Rocford E.—S. S. Bennett, Wadesboro, N. C.	182	150
Rocford W.—E. M. Tillman, Wadesboro, N. C.	196	5.50
Sandy Ridge—M. P. Waring, R. 2, Morven, N. C.	98	1.00
Saron—R. B. McCoy, Polkton, N. C.	66	2.90
Shankle Grove—A. D. Davis, Shankle, N. C.	67	
Timmonsville—F. K. Sellers, R. 1, b 40, Chesterfield, S. C.	110	
White Oak—R. C. Cox, Morven, N. C.	105	3.81
Friendship—W. M. Nivens, Monroe. N. C.	40	

The churches are to pay the ballance based on the present membership. (See Executive Board's report.)

STATISTICAL TABLE

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES FOR 1915.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Gained	Lost	Males	Females	Total	Superannuates	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Preachers
Bethel—W. H. Horne, Route 1, Morven, N. C.	4	8					2	1	5		21	20	41			
Brown Creek—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	3	7			4	1	12	1		3	50	91	141	3	1	1
Cedar Creek—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	1	13			1		3	1	9		30	24	54			
Chilson Grove—J. W. Diggs, R. 1, Pee Dee, N. C.	4						4			4	15	15	30			
Deep Creek—H. I. Quick, Rockingham, N. C.	2	39	2	1	5		3	6	38		194	291	485	25	5	2
Ebenezer—	2-3	5		4	1		1		9		9	22	31	1	1	2
Elizabeth M.—W. T. Sims, Chester, S. C	1-3	11		2	2	2	2	2	9		39	106	145	10	1	1
Elizabeth P. D.—	2	2		2			1	1	2		15	20	35	2	1	1
Fletcher's Grove—W. H. Horne, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	1-3	75	25	10					110		60	75	110		1	2
Flint Ridge—B. B. Sturdivant, box 53, Polkton, N.C.	2	4	4		1	1	7	2		1	49	93	142	7	2	
Long Pine—J. C. Ellerbee, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	3	9	2						11		20	34	54			1
Madison Grove—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N, C.,	4	10		1	2	5	2	2	4		30	54	84	6		1
Meltonsville—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	4	33	1	1	7	1	6	4	30		228	270	498	25	6	4
McLain Grove—W. L. Butler, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	3			2		3	1	1		25	30	55	2		2
Mt. Zion—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	2	6			1		1	1	4		21	37	58	1		
New Zion—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	3	14	2		5	1	4	1	15		35	53	88	2		1
New Grove—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	7		6	3		4	1	11		38	60	98		1	2

STATISTICAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES, PASTORS AND THEIR POST-OFFICES FOR 1915.	Sabbath of Preaching	Baptized	Rec'd by Letter	By Experience	Restored	Dismissed by Letter	Excluded	Died	Gained	Lost	Males	Females	Total	Superannuates	Ordained Ministers	Licensed Preachers
Nicy Grive—J. R. Faison, Wadesboro, N. C.	1	17			3	2	2	2	14		45	75	120	4		
Olive Branch—J. F. Davis, Monroe, N. C.	3						2			2	4	13	17			
Parsons Grove—J. J. Hines, Shannon, N. C.	1	20	1		7	1	5	2	20		169	257	426	26	3	
Pleasant Hill—J. C. Ellerbee, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	1		5	3					8		19	18	37	1		1
Poplar Hill—J. C. Chambers, R. 6, Marshville, N. C.	3	6			6		3	2	7		36	52	78		1	2
Poplar Springs—J. E. P. Little, Wadesboro, N. C.	2	33			1	1	5	2		4	58	108	166	1	1	
Ramah Grove—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	2	17	5			2	22	2		4	80	87	167	10		2
Rockford E.—	4	15					2	3	10		45	137	182	1	3	2
Rockford W.—J. C. Elerbee, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	2	11			1		2	3	7		106	90	196	3		
Sandy Ridge—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	3	3		1	3	13	6	2		14	42	56	98	21	2	1
Saron—W. L. Butler, Wadesboro, N. C.	2	6	2		3	1	6	2	2		36	30	66	5		3
Shankle Grove—W. H. Horne, R. 1, Morven, N. C.	2	8		3	1		1	1	10		27	40	67		1	2
St. Paul—																
Timmonsville—B. B. Sturdivant, Polkton, N. C.	1	10					3		7		48	62	110	10		
White Oak—B. J. Parsons, Lilesville, N. C.	4	13	1		1		5	5	5		44	61	105	6	3	
Friendship—J. W. Hawkins, Salisbury, N. C.	2-4										15	25	40			

FINANCIAL TABLE

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs	Representing Fee	Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objects	Local Education	Home Missions	Total Contributions and Expenses	Amount Sent to Association	Value of Church Property
Bethel	$125.00	$ 5.00	$20.00	$ 2.40	$ 1.00	$ 2.00	$ 1.00	$	.25	$.	$ 1.00	$ 3.00	$161.00	$ 2.65	$500.00
Brown Creek	125.00		15.00	7.00	6.55		.		.15	.15	.	.15	168.65	7.40	300.00
Cedar Creek	65.00	7.00	125.00	2.70		2.50			.	.	.50	.25	202.95	3.70	1700.00
Chilson Grove	29.00	5.00	30.00	1.50	.60			.25	.	.	.	.	67.35	1.75	500.00
Deep Creek	175.00	35.79	11.35	23.00	28.91	.50	.50		4.90	47.90	4.40	2.50	334.75	24.00	2500.00
Ebenezer	74.00	29.35	5.00	1.50	1.10	.50	1.00		.	.	.	.25	112.70	3.25	700.00
Elizabeth M.	250.00	124.68	55.00	6.75	48.31	5.70	1.00	.50	.50	22.03	5.00	11.75	533.22	13.75	2700.00
Elizabeth P. D.	85.00	10.00	55.00	1.75	.55		2.00		.25	.	.25	3.00	152.80	2.25	1000.00
Fletcher's Grove	$250.00	25.00	100.00	5.00	2.00	2.50	1.00	.25	10.00	10.00	1.00	5.00	409.75	5.50	1000.00
Flint Ridge	95.00	2.00	6.45	7.10	11.30	1.00	1.00		1.10	14.90	4.00	4.30	146.80	12.75	1000.00
Long Pine	60.00	71.00	35.85	2.70	.50		.75	.25	.50	2.50	.	.25	174.80	4.15	1100.00
Madison Grove	85.00	6.20		4.20	10.19	.50	.50	.50	.25	13.81	24.20	.25	145.70	24.30	2500.00
Meltonsville	200.00		32.50	24.90	33.45		1.00		.	96.87	30.68	.	419.40	33.20	1200.00
McLain Groove	108.00	9.95	145.00	2.75	3.70		.		.15	.	.	.25	269.40	2.75	605.00
Mt. Zion	100.00	4.25		2.90	.55	1.50	4.60		4.00	6.00	.	6.45	130.25	2.90	350.00
New Zion	114.00	2.50	2.40	4.40	16.60	7.30	.50		.50	82.41	6.00	14.40	170.90	11.40	700.00
New Grove	100.00		3.00	4.90	1.30	.25	.25		.25	.	.	.	109.95	7.40	842.50

FINANCIAL TABLE—Continued.

CHURCHES	Pastor's Salary	Incidental Expenses	Building and Repairs	Representing Fee	Poor	State Missions	Foreign Missions	Ministerial Education	Aged Ministers	Other Objests	Local Education	Home Missions	Total Contributions and Expenses	Amount Sent to Association	Value of Church Property
Nicy Grove -- --	120.00	1.49	122.44	6.00	2.37		2.43		.	3.38	.50	48.61	301.20	8.43	1500.00
Olive Branch --	20.55			.85	.50	8.15	8.15		.50	.	3.00	.50	41.90	2.35	200.00
Parsons Grove	218.00	137.85	21.70	20.00	3.25	.25			.	.	.	2.00	392.55	20.00	3500.00
Pleasant Hill	60.40	13.37	25.75	1.85	4.00				.10	.	.10	.10	105.67	2.15	800.00
Poplar Hill --	75.00			3.90	3.00	.	.25		.25	.	.50	.75	83.65	4.65	500.00
Poplar Springs	125.00		25.85	8.30	4.30		3.00		.25	7.53	4.35	11.00	189.58	12.65	400.00
Ramah Grove	125.00	10.00	15.00	8.35	10.00	.25	8.00		.50	.	.	8.00	225.00	8.50	1000.00
Rockford E. --	150.00	64.85		9.10	5.81		.50		.50		2.25	3.15	235.86	10.10	1500.00
Rockford W. --	110.00		60.00	9.80	7.55	.25	.25	.25	3.75	.	2.00	.50	200.00	15.05	1600.00
Sandy Ridge --	93.75	9.00		4.90	17.29	.50	5.50		.25	.		.50	131.44	4.90	2000.00
Saron -- -- --	100.00	7.60	5.25	3.30	4.26	.25	4.25		.25	.	2.65		122.81	6.45	1000.00
Shankle Grove --	200.00	15.00	50.00	3.35	2.00	2.00	1.00		1.00	3.00	2.00	1.00	279.85	3.35	1000.00
St. Paul -- --			.	.	.	.	.			.	.	.	.	-- .	.
Timmonsville --	110.00	11.71		5.50		.50	.25	--	.		.	.25	134.21	6.50	1000.00
White Oak --	121.00	15.00	21.05	5.25	4.00	.25	.25	.50	.25		.50	.25	171.30	7.50	1021.00
Friendship -- --	300.00	36.00		2.00		.	20.00			2.00		20.00	370.00	4.00	1500.00

KEYSTONE GRADED LESSONS

INTERNATIONAL COURSES

I. Beginners' Grade

TWO YEARS, COMPLETE

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